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of the Examiner for consideration during examination of the  
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U.S. Patent No.:	5,201,408
Issued:	April 13, 1993
Title:	HOUSING FOR ELECTRIC SWITCHES
Inventor:	Torma, et al
U.S. Patent No.:	6,310,308 B1
Issued:	October 30, 2001
Title:	COMPACT PUSH-BUTTON SWITCH ASSEMBLY
Inventor:	Watson, et al
U.S. Patent App. Publication No.:	2002/0144882 A1
Published:	October 10, 2002
Title:	OPERATING DEVICE HAVING STATIC ELIMINATOR AND ELECTRONIC APPARATUS HAVING OPERATING DEVICE
Inventor:	Yamaguchi
EP Patent App. No.:	0 342 703 A2
Published:	November 23, 1989
Title:	LIGHT EMITTING TYPE PUSH BUTTON SWITCH
Inventor:	Shinohara, et al
EP Patent App. No.:	0 406 845 A2
Published:	January 9, 1991
Title:	TOUCH BUTTON LIGHT RING SYSTEM
Inventor:	Polacek, et al
EP Patent App. No.:	0 463 285 A1
Published:	January 2, 1992
Title:	PUSH-BUTTON SWITCH WITH LIQUID- CRYSTAL DISPLAY
Inventor:	Tanaka, et al

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EP Patent App. No.: 1 091 374 A1  
Published: April 11, 2001  
Title: SWITCH  
Inventor: Tamura

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Published: April 20, 2006  
Title: PUSH BUTTON ASSEMBLY  
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Applicants' Attorney has prepared and encloses herewith the Information Disclosure Statement Form PTO/SB/08A for the attention of the Examiner.

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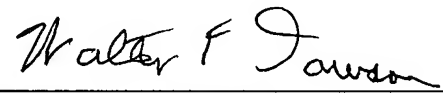
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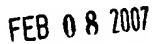
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		EP 0 342 703 A2	11-23-1989	Shinohara, et al		
		EP 0 406 845 A2	01-09-1991	Polacek		
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		EP 1 091 374 A1	04-11-2001	Tamura		
		WO 2006/040577 A1	04-20-2006	Cove		

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